

## **HEALTH CARE FRAUD ELIMINATION TASK FORCE**

### **Public Meeting Minutes**

**June 5, 2018**

**2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

The Health Care Fraud Elimination Task Force met and held a meeting open to the public on June 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center located at 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 16-504, Chicago, IL 60601. There was a live videoconference feed to the State Capitol located at 207 State House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 205V, Springfield, IL 62706. Individuals also participated via conference call.

The Task Force members in attendance were the Acting Executive Inspector General for the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, the Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer for the Office of the Governor, the Director of the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and the Inspector General for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. There were also representatives from the following agencies — Illinois Department of Insurance, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

#### **I. Chair's Welcome**

Acting Executive Inspector General (EIG) Susan Haling, Chair of the Task Force, introduced herself to the speakers and members of the Task Force. She gave a brief summary of her professional experience. Members of the Task Force introduced themselves.

The minutes from the March 1, 2018 public meeting had previously been circulated to the Task Force via email. The Task Force members adopted the minutes.

#### **II. Update Regarding Task Force Activities**

Chair EIG Haling gave an update for the Medicaid Working Group. She discussed that several Task Force members attended the bi-annual U.S. Attorney's Office Health Care Fraud Task Force meeting. Chair EIG Haling listed some of the takeaways from the meeting, including the discussions about using data to prioritize cases, using data to cross reference different types of fraud, and targeted deterrence of doctors. She said the Task Force is invited to continue attending these meetings.

Inspector General for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS IG) Brad Hart discussed a one-day training organized between the HFS OIG, the Department on Aging, and the Department of Human Services. IG Hart explained that the training, in part, was meant to continue the line of communication among the agencies and the special investigation units within the managed care organizations to improve their working relationship and strengthen program integrity.

Chairman of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission Joann Fratianni gave an update for the Workers' Compensation Working Group. She discussed that the Working Group has been discussing the fraud referral process and increasing communication regarding referrals. Chairman Fratianni also discussed that the Working Group received a detailed presentation from David Taylor, Director of Workers' Compensation for Charter Communications and a member of the Illinois Self-Insurers Advisory Board, regarding worker safety where he stressed the importance of transitioning workers back to work.

Deputy General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Bureau of Benefits Tyson Rothermich gave an update for the State Employee Group Insurance Working Group. Mr. Rothermich discussed the open enrollment period and steps taken to increase efficiency during that period. Mr. Rothermich also discussed the Working Group's wellness initiative and the placement of six new blood pressure machines at various State agencies.

### **III. National Insurance Crime Bureau Presentation**

Supervisory Special Agent Mark Sakalares and Field Information Analyst Chris Kluz from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) presented to the Task Force. This presentation introduced Task Force members to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, a not-for-profit insurance fraud-fighting organization. The NICB discussed free resources it offers to law enforcement, including data analytics capabilities and training opportunities. The NICB presented statistics in Illinois regarding fraud, including questionable claims in the area of workers' compensation. Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Director Captain Brian Ley shared how NICB works with its unit to assist in conducting fraud investigations.

### **IV. Task Force Questions and Answers**

The Task Force members engaged in a discussion with the presenters during their presentation.

### **V. Public Comments and Questions**

There were no questions from the public. Chair EIG Haling thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.